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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: APER, CVIS, PFOR (SHONK, SARA)

SUBJ: CANCELLATION PRC VISA

REF: (A) STATE 248273 (B) KUWAIT 4430

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: USLO REQUEST TO DISCUSS
CANCELLATION OF SHONK VISA HAS NOT YET BEEN GRANTED.
WE RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT RAISE MATTER WITH PRCLO. END SUMMARY.

1. PER REFTEL (A), USLO REQUESTED APPOINTMENT FOR DEPUTY
CHIEF HOLDRIDGE WITH TIENG PING, HEAD OF MFA CONSULAR
DEPARTMENT AT 0915 (LOCAL) DECEMBER 21, INFORMING MFA THAT
SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WOULD BE SHONK VISA. AT TIME OF
WRITING THIS CABLE (1700) WE HAVE HAD NO REPLY TO REQUEST.
2. WE DO NOT BELIEVE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT MADE DECISION
INDEPENDENTLY TO REVOKE SHONK VISA. OUR SPECULATION FOR
POSSIBLE REASONS RANGES FROM OUR ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT TO
MRS. ANNA HSIAO TO HAVING OVERLOADED THE CIRCUIT IN NUMBER
OF VISAS USLO HAS REQUESTED FOR PERSONNEL VISITING ON CONSULTATION
OR TDY.
3. GIVEN LACK OF EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE ANY OTHER VIEW,
AND BASED ON SEQUENCE OF EVENTS, WE SUSPECT "B-1 DIPLOMATIC"
VISA QUESTION WAS TRIGGERING FACTOR.

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4. AT 0830 LOCAL DECEMBER 20, CONSULAR DEPARTMENT (LIN YUNG-PING) ASKED IF USLO OFFICIALS WOULD MEET AT 1500 TO DISCUSS "EQUAL LEVEL" OF VISAS. THE REQUEST WAS MADE AS USUAL THROUGH USLO INTERPRETER.

5. OUR INTERPRETATION OF SUBJECT WAS THAT TOPIC WOULD BE "B-1 DIPLOMATIC" CLASSIFICATION SINCE WE HAD NOT YET PROVIDED REPLY PER STATE 243429 (NOTAL). WE AGREED TO MEET AS REQUESTED.

6. MID-MORNING, WE RETURNED 12 PASSPORTS FOR PRCLO PERSONNEL (STATE 244624 NOTAL) VISAED "B-1 DIPLOMATIC" TO MFA. WE HAD DELIBERATELY NOT RETURNED THEM SINCE TIMING WAS NOT YET CRITICAL AND WE WISHED TO SEE HOW SHONK VISA WAS PROGRESSING.

7. AT 1250 MFA CALLED TO INFORM US THAT SOME MATTER HAD TO BE CONSIDERED ON AN "URGENT BASIS" AND THAT 1500 MEETING WAS CANCELLED.

8. WE DO NOT KNOW EXACT TIMING OF KUWAIT EVENTS, BUT WE SUSPECT THEY TOOK PLACE LATE AFTERNOON, KUWAIT TIME (EARLY EVENING HERE), WHICH WOULD HAVE GIVEN MFA AMPLE TIME TO ISSUE NEW INSTRUCTIONS TO PRC EMBASSY IN KUWAIT.

9. WE WILL REITERATE REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH MFA CONSULAR OFFICIAL MORNING OF DECEMBER 22 AND IN DOING SO WILL PASS SUBSTANCE PARA 2 REFTTEL (A). WE RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT RAISE QUESTION WITH PRCLO.

10. CONSULAR DEPARTMENT JUST CALLED AT 1715 TO CONFIRM HOLDRIDGE APPOINTMENT AT 1030 DECEMBER 22.
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